AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-11 (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) An image processing system, comprising:

an image processing apparatus which comprises an adding unit which adds an image processing command to image data, reads image data of an original and converts thus read image data into a file format which is determined from among plural file formats; and

an image receiving apparatus which receives from said image processing apparatus the image data converted into the file format thus determined, and when the image processing command is added to the image data thus received, performs upon thus received image data an image processing which corresponds to the image processing command thus added;

wherein said image processing apparatus comprises:

a storage unit which stores information regarding a file format, which said information including whether said file format permits addition of the image processing command to the read image data; and

a judging unit which judges whether the file format thus determined is stored that the image data of the original has been converted into has said information in said storage unit regarding the file format permitting addition of the image processing command to the read image data, and

when said judging unit judges that the file format thus determined is stored that the image data of the original has been converted into has said information in said storage unit regarding the file format permitting addition of the image processing command to the read image data, addition by said adding unit of the image processing command to the read image data is permitted.

13. (Currently Amended) An image processing apparatus which comprises an adding unit which adds an image processing command to image data, reads image data of an original and converts thus read image data into a file format which is determined from among plural file formats, said image processing apparatus comprising:

a storage unit which stores information regarding a file format, which said information including whether said file format permits addition of the image processing command to the read image data; and

a judging unit which judges whether the file format thus determined is stored that the image data of the original has been converted into has said information in said storage unit regarding the file format permitting addition of the image processing command to the read image data,

wherein when said judging unit judges that the file format thus determined is stored that the image data of the original has been converted into has said information in said storage unit regarding the file format permitting addition of the image processing command to the read image data, addition by said adding unit of the image processing command to the read image data is permitted.

14. (Previously Presented) The image processing apparatus in accordance with claim 13, wherein the file format which permits addition of the image processing command to the read image data is PDF (Portable Document Format).

15. (Currently Amended) The image processing apparatus in accordance with claim 13, further comprising a determining unit which determines, in accordance with a load condition, whether to add the image processing command to the read image data,

wherein when said determining unit determines to add the image processing command, said judging unit judges whether the file format thus determined is stored that the image data of the original has been converted into has said information in said storage unit regarding the file format permitting addition of the image processing command to the read image data.

16. (Previously Presented) The image processing apparatus in accordance with claim 13, further comprising a sending unit which sends the image data converted into the file format thus determined.

17. (Previously Presented) The image processing apparatus in accordance with claim 16, wherein the file format which permits addition of the image processing command to the read image data is a file format in which a destination of the image data can execute the image processing command.

18. (Previously Presented) The image processing apparatus in accordance with claim 16, wherein the file format which permits addition of the image processing command to the read image data is PDF (Portable Document Format).

19. (Currently Amended) The image processing apparatus in accordance with claim 16, further comprising a determining unit which determines, in accordance with a load condition, whether to add the image processing command to the read image data,

wherein when said determining unit determines to add the image processing command, said judging unit judges whether the file format thus determined is stored that the image data of the original has been converted into has said information in said storage unit regarding the file format permitting addition of the image processing command to the read image data.

20. (Previously Presented) The image processing apparatus in accordance with claim 16, wherein said sending unit sends an electronic mail to which the image data converted into the file format thus determined is attached.

21. (Previously Presented) The image processing apparatus in accordance with claim 20, wherein the file format which permits addition of the image processing command to the read image data is a file format in which a destination of the image data can execute the image processing command.

22. (Previously Presented) The image processing apparatus in accordance with claim 20, wherein the file format which permits addition of the image processing command to the read image data is PDF (Portable Document Format).

23. (Currently Amended) The image processing apparatus in accordance with claim 20, further comprising a determining unit which determines, in accordance with a load condition, whether to add the image processing command to the read image data,

wherein when said determining unit determines to add the image processing command, said judging unit judges whether the file format thus determined is stored that the image data of the original has been converted into has said information in said storage unit regarding the file format permitting addition of the image processing command to the read image data.

24. (Currently Amended) An image processing apparatus which comprises an adding unit which adds an image processing command to image data, reads image data of an original and converts thus read image data into a file format which is determined from among plural file formats, said image processing apparatus comprising:

a storage unit which stores information regarding a file format, which said information including whether said file format prohibits addition of the image processing command to the read image data; and

a judging unit which judges whether the file format thus determined is stored that the image data of the original has been converted into has said information in said storage unit regarding the file format prohibiting addition of the image processing command to the read image data,

wherein when said judging unit judges that the file format thus determined is stored that the image data of the original has been converted into has said information in said storage unit regarding the file format prohibiting addition of the image processing command to the read image data, addition by said adding unit of the image processing command to the read image data is prohibited.

25. (Previously Presented) The image processing apparatus in accordance with claim 24, wherein the file format which prohibits addition of the image processing command to the read image data is TIFF (Tagged Image File Format).

26. (Currently Amended) An image processing method according to which an image processing apparatus, which comprises an adding unit which adds an image processing command to image data and a controller which performs image processing control including control of said adding unit, reads image data of an original and converts thus read image data into a file format which is determined from among plural file formats, said image processing method comprising steps of:

disposing to said image processing apparatus a storage unit which stores information regarding a file format, which said information including whether said file format permits addition of the image processing command to the image data;

making said controller judge whether the file format thus determined is stored that the image data of the original has been converted into has said information in said storage unit regarding the file format permitting addition of the image processing command to the read image data; and

making said controller permit addition by said adding unit of the image processing command to the read image data, when it is judged that the file format thus determined is stored that the image data of the original has been converted into has said information in said storage unit regarding the file format permitting addition of the image processing command to the read image data.

27. (Currently Amended) An image processing method according to which an image processing apparatus, which comprises an adding unit which adds an image processing command to image data and a controller which performs image processing control including control of said adding unit, reads image data of an original and converts thus read image data into a file format which is determined from among plural file formats, said image processing method comprising

steps of:

disposing to said image processing apparatus a storage unit which stores information regarding a file format, ~~which~~ said information including whether said file format prohibits addition of the image processing command to the image data;

making said controller judge whether the file format ~~thus determined is stored~~ that the image data of the original has been converted into has said information in said storage unit regarding the file format prohibiting addition of the image processing command to the read image data; and

making said controller prohibit addition by said adding unit of the image processing command to the read image data, when it is judged that the file format ~~thus determined is stored~~ that the image data of the original has been converted into has said information in said storage unit regarding the file format prohibiting addition of the image processing command to the read image data.